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IS THE UNITED STATES MAKING WAR  
ON THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE?

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The violent attacks of the Diem government upon the Buddhists were helpful in one respect. These attacks enabled the people of the United States to see for the first time the cruel, corrupt and vile character of the government which the leaders of the United States had placed in power in South Vietnam. This information, many believe, was made available to the people only because the rulers of the U. S. became convinced that the Diem regime could not win the war against the Vietnamese people and therefore had to be replaced. In addition, Diem and his brother Nhu, unfortunately for themselves and families, made the fatal mistake of getting in touch "with the Communist leaders in Hanoi", North Vietnam. (See N.Y. Times, November 8, 1963, and John M. Swomley's article, "The Vietnam Revolt", Fellowship of Reconciliation, November issue, 1963, New York, N. Y., Box 271).

This was a "traitorous" act under the Acheson-Dulles Doctrine of world domination, euphemistically called Communist containment. The immediate results were 1) President Diem was murdered; 2) The Diem regime destroyed; 3) The C.I.A. gained another Pyrrhic victory; 4) U. S. International prestige was further lowered, and finally, a golden opportunity was lost to stop the senseless slaughter of the Vietnamese people.

The assassination of Diem and his brother Nhu, therefore, accomplished nothing of value. The military junta, "free" world style, immediately took over and the usual diplomatic recognition promptly followed. Other probable results are: 1) The war against the Vietnamese will go on as formerly; 2) The usual starvation, torture and murder of the little people of this small and defenseless country will continue; and finally, the U. S. Government will go on fighting and financing this undeclared war

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